



REPLY TO:  
ATTENTION OF:

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, ALASKA  
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DEC 20 2012

District Commander

President Frank Standifer III  
Native Village of Tyonek  
Post Office Box 82009  
Tyonek, Alaska 99682

Dear President Standifer:

I appreciate your September 6, 2012, welcoming letter and am responding to your request for a formal government-to-government consultation meeting. I have a commitment to support tribal sovereignty with respect to tribal rights and protected resources and wish to strengthen the relationship between the Corps and federally recognized tribes. To that end, I would like to honor the Native Village of Tyonek's request for a government-to-government consultation meeting to discuss issues related to the proposed Chuitna Coal Mine, including your concerns regarding impacts to cultural resources.

I would like to meet with you and whomever the Native Village of Tyonek would like to have in attendance. I will leave the scheduling of this meeting up to the Tribal Point of Contact (POC) and my Tribal Liaison, Ms. Amanda Shearer. Ms. Shearer will contact your POC to discuss an agenda for the meeting. It would be helpful to have the tribe appoint an official Tribal POC to assist in planning our meeting.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact my Tribal Liaison, Ms. Amanda Shearer, at (907) 753-5674, by mail at the address above or by email at [Amanda.M.Shearer@usace.army.mil](mailto:Amanda.M.Shearer@usace.army.mil).

Sincerely,

Christopher D. Lestochi  
Colonel, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
District Commander